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1. THIS MESSAGE CONSTITUTES INTERIM RESPONSE TO REFTEL.

2. FOLLOWING UAE OFFICERS TO PARTICIPATE IN TOUR:

A. COLONEL SHAIKH SULTAN BIN SAQR AL-QASSIMI,
COMMANDING OFFICER, NORTHERN MILITARY REGION
(OLD RAS-AL-KHAIMAH MOBILE FORCE)

B. COLONEL MUHAMMAD SA'ID AL-BADI,
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS (INFANTRY)

C. LT. COL. MUHAMMAD SUHAIL,
CO, TRAINING BATTALION (BN), YARMUK BRIGADE (OLD
UNION DEFENSE FORCE AND TRUCIAL OMAN SCOUTS) (INFANTRY)

D. LT. COL. ABDULLA MUHAMMAD,
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, G BRANCH (INFANTRY)
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E. LT. COL. MUHAMMAD KHAMIS,
CO, ARMORED BN (ARMOR)

F. LT. COL. HAZIR SULTAN,
CO, INFANTRY BN (INFANTRY)

G. MAJOR MAJID SALIM,
INFANTRY COMPANY COMMANDER (INFANTRY)

H. 1/LT. MUHAMMAD SA'ID,
TANK PLATOON COMMANDER (ARMOR)

I. 1/LT. IBRAHIM SHIRA",
OPERATIONS OFFICER, AIR DEFENSE COMMAND (AAA OFFICER)

J. 2/LT. JASIM MUHAMMAD,
MIRAGE PILOT (AIR FORCE)

3. GROUP WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ONE REPORTER/CAMERMAN
TO HANDLE PUBLICITY FOR LOCAL NEWS MEDIA. NAME TO BE
PROVIDED.

4. BIO SHEETS DELIVERED TO COLONEL AL-BADI. THESE,
ALONG WITH PASSPORTS AND PASSPORT APPLICATIONS,
WILL BE RETURNED TO EMBASSY ON APRIL 13. AT SAME
TIME FLIGHT INFO WILL BE PROVIDED. IN INTERIM, GROUP
PLANS DEPART LONDON FOR NEW YORK ON APRIL 26 AND
WILL ARRIVE JFK IN MID-AFTERNOON.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF EXACTLY
WHAT IS MEANT BY "INVITATIONAL TRAVEL ORDERS AND
FUNDING CITATION". ORDERS FOR GROUP HAVE BEEN CUT
BY UAEAF HDQS. LOCAL MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT HAS NO
SUCH THING AS FUNDING OR ACCUNT NUMBERS.

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6. GROUP WILL PAY FOR HOTELS AND INDIVIDUAL EXPENSES
WITH PERSONAL TRAVELERS' CHECKS. FOR INTERNAL AIR
TRAVEL EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT BOOKINGS BE MADE AND
TICKETS PURCHASED BY ACTION OFFICE. BILL SHOULD BE
SENT TO UAE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. UAEAF IS RE-
QUESTING AGREEMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ASSISTANCE
OF UAE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IN PAYING FOR TICKETS.

7. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT, IF AVAILABLE, EITHER
LT. COL. NORVELL (TEX) DEATKINE, CO 8" HOWITZER
BATTALION, FT. HOOD, TEXAS OR MAJOR WALLY PLUMMER,
FORMER DATT, EMBASSY SANA HAVE ARABIC LANGUAGE
CAPABILITY AND WOULD MAKE EXCELLENT ESCORT OFFICERS.
IN ABSENCE OF QUALIFIED ARABIST, MOST OF OFFICERS
SPEAK GOOD TO FAIR ENGLISH. COLONEL AL-BADI'S
ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT.

8. LT. COL. MUHAMMAD SUHAIL WILL SERVE AS ADJUDANT
FOR GROUP AND LT. COL. HAZIR SULTAN WILL FUNCTION

AS DISBURSING OFFICER.
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